

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Raines for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as mayor of the Town of Stantonville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Larry Raines is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community throughout his fifty years as mayor of the Town of Stantonville; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stantonville was incorporated in 1966, and voters elected the then twenty-seven-year-old Larry Raines as the town's first mayor; and

WHEREAS, during his fifty-year tenure as mayor, Larry Raines oversaw the construction of the Stantonville Community Center, raised the fire department's Insurance Services Office rating from ten to four, which placed the fire department in the top twenty-two percent in the entire state, and was recognized as one of the top ten longest-tenured mayors in American history; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stantonville honored Mr. Raines with the presentation of a plaque in grateful appreciation of fifty years of outstanding service to the town's residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Larry Raines is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Larry Raines for more than fifty years of illustrious service as the mayor of the Town of Stantonville and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.